Chapter 22.—Imperial Departments.

All Bills of the Meteorological Department to be Countersigned by the Reporter, or the Officer Superintending the Observatories before Payment.

(C. A. C., Article 426.)

346. Treasury Officers should refuse payment of any bills preferred by Observers of the Meteorological Department, whether for their own pay, or that of their establishments, or for contingencies, unless these bills are countersigned by the Reporter, or the Officer Superintending the Observatories.

Insert the following as a new article :—

347-A.—If any portion of the cash remitted by a Forest Officer is spurious or light or otherwise not receivable at full value, the officer tendering the remittance should be asked to make it good at once ; if he cannot do this the amount of the chalan should be credited in full and the deficiency debited to the remitting officer by a distinct entry in the Cash Book and shown in the unclassified portion of the cash account, to be debited in the Accoutant General's Office under "Advances recoverable", "Miscellaneous Advances." He must make the amount good not later than the next remittance of revenue to the Treasury.

This article applies to those cases only in which Forest Officers remit revenue *direct* into the Treasury and not when contractors pay in on behalf of that Department.

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